

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner, Mr. DeBeradinis, for his courtesy and assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application during an interview conducted August 22, 2005. As indicated in the Interview Summary, during the course of the interview it was agreed that claims 4, 6, and 8 distinguish over the prior art of record, and that, with the revisions indicated in the attachment to the interview summary, claim 13 distinguishes over the prior art as well.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1, 5, 7, 9 and 11 have been canceled, and 4, 6, 8 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form. In addition, claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend from claim 4, and claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 4 as well. Finally, claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 10 (which, as noted, now includes the limitations of claim 4 that were agreed to distinguish over the prior art of record).

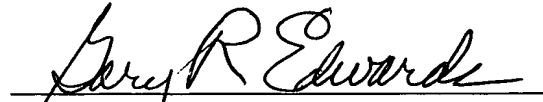
Accordingly, for the reasons discussed during the interview, and in view of the Amendment set forth hereinabove, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims which remain of record in this application are now allowable.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080437.52924US).

Respectfully submitted,

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